

## Chairman's Report 2024/25

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The purpose of the Boddington Village Hall Committee is to manage Boddington Village Hall for the benefit of the communities of Upper and Lower Boddington and the wider local area. We seek to ensure that the Hall is maintained and developed in both the short and long term to support a healthy, vibrant and active community that is accessible to everyone. In doing so, the Committee acts at all times in accordance with its governing documents and in pursuit of its charitable objects, with the promotion of public and community benefit as our primary purpose.

The Committee is committed to maintaining high standards of governance, accountability and transparency. Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, finances, compliance and operational matters, and to ensure that the Hall is managed prudently and sustainably. Policies are kept under review, including those relating to safeguarding, health and safety, equality and data protection, and appropriate training and support are provided to volunteers. Risk assessments are undertaken for the building, activities and events, and these are reviewed and updated to ensure that risks to users, volunteers and the charity are properly identified and managed.

Following the turbulence of recent years, the cost-of-living crisis and very substantial increases in fuel and operating costs have significantly affected many residents and the running of the Hall. In response, the Village Hall has played an active role in supporting warm space initiatives and wellbeing opportunities, including participation in the Chatty Café Scheme. We maintain close links with Boddington Good Neighbours and continue to work in partnership to support vulnerable and isolated members of our community, ensuring that our activities remain aligned with the charitable objective of relieving isolation, improving wellbeing and strengthening community cohesion and resilience.

For many years, Boddington Village Hall has been the central gathering place and social hub for our community. It offers a wide range of social activities, sports and fitness opportunities, educational groups and wellbeing services for residents of Boddington and surrounding villages. These activities are delivered in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment, with appropriate safeguarding measures in place. The Hall is managed by a dedicated and hard-working committee of volunteers, and during the year our programme has included:

- **National celebrations, events and fetes**, enabling a substantial proportion of parishioners to come together to celebrate significant moments in our country's history. This year the Hall organised a well-attended Garden Party with afternoon tea, a bar, children's activities including "King and Queen for the Day", a tombola, cake stalls and displays of vintage cars and vehicles. These events promote social inclusion, intergenerational engagement and community cohesion.
- **Community fundraising events**, including our annual fireworks display, which continues to go from strength to strength and attracts visitors from far afield. Funds raised support the charitable purposes of the Hall and local initiatives, including the Forest School for Boddington School children, thereby advancing education and wellbeing.
- **Social and charity events**, including auctions, themed parties and café events, raising funds not only for the Village Hall but also for national and local charities such as Macmillan

Cancer Support and emergency appeal funds, extending our public benefit beyond the immediate community.

- **Family and life-event functions**, including weddings, birthday celebrations, christenings, children's parties and memorial services. Parishioners receive a significant discount and memorial services are provided free of charge, ensuring that cost does not prevent participation at important moments in family and community life.
- **The weekly café**, which has become phenomenally popular, with around 100 people regularly attending each Friday morning. The café provides refreshments, companionship and informal support, operating alongside the outreach Post Office and helping to sustain this essential village service. It plays a key role in reducing loneliness and isolation, particularly among older residents, while also welcoming parents with young children. The café supports the Chatty Café Scheme and has become a focal point for health, information and outreach activities, including vaccination visits, police surgeries, HS2 information sessions, craft displays and local enterprise events.
- **Support for isolated residents**, including the annual provision of a free, home-cooked Christmas lunch for senior members of the community, with meals delivered to those unable to attend. This initiative directly addresses loneliness and social isolation and provides both practical and emotional support and social resilience at a particularly vulnerable time of year.
- **Sports, fitness and dance activities**, including inter-school football tournaments, holiday activity courses and a wide range of regular clubs and classes catering for all ages and abilities, including sessions specifically designed for those with limited mobility. These activities promote physical health, mental wellbeing and social participation.
- **Education, interest and community groups**, including art classes, gardening club, dog training, film club, the WI, Parish Council and Boddington Good Neighbours, supporting lifelong learning, civic participation and community engagement.

All activities are open to the public, and we actively encourage new users and groups to engage with the Hall. Our pricing structure is designed to remove financial barriers and to promote inclusive access, ensuring that the benefits of the Hall are available to people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. Through this wide range of activities, the Hall demonstrably provides public benefit by promoting health, relieving isolation, advancing education and strengthening community life.

The Hall works closely with other village organisations, both by providing facilities and by actively supporting them in meeting their charitable and community objectives. In particular, close collaboration with the Parish Council has contributed to the successful development of the sports field and cycle tracks, enhancing recreational opportunities for the wider community.

The Committee regularly reviews its strategy, finances and risks to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Hall. Income generation through weddings and family events is balanced carefully with the need to maintain affordable access for community activities. The Hall remains the centre of village life, and the Committee is committed to safeguarding this role for future generations.

Over the last few years, the Committee has developed detailed plans to extend the Hall in order to meet changing community needs and to ensure long-term sustainability. The current building, constructed nearly twenty years ago, no longer provides all the facilities required, particularly in relation to accessibility and flexibility of use. Planning permission has been secured for a ground-



floor extension facing the sports field, playground and cycle tracks, with glazed frontage, paved patio area and internal redevelopment to maximise space and efficiency. Substantial funds have been allocated, with further fundraising and grant applications ongoing, supported by generous local donations.

The primary objectives of the extension are:

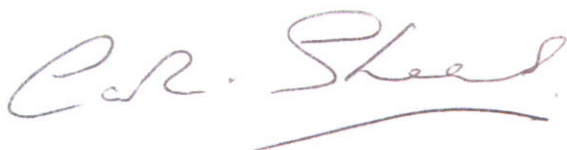
- **Accessibility** – ensuring that facilities are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities or limited mobility, in line with equality and inclusion principles.
- **Versatility** – creating flexible spaces suitable for a broader range of activities and users.
- **Community wellbeing** – providing a modern, attractive and comfortable environment integrated with outdoor facilities.
- **Sustainable volunteering** – reducing physical and time demands on volunteers by providing permanent, efficient facilities.
- **Environmental improvement** – improving heating efficiency, insulation and energy use, reducing environmental impact and long-term costs.
- **Increased opportunities** – enabling a wider programme of inclusive activities over the next twenty years.

The Hall continues to support the quarterly village newsletter, *The Bugle*, distributed to all households and providing essential information on activities, services and sources of support. The Hall has also continued to fund the Forest School for local pupils through community fundraising, advancing education and outdoor learning.

Financially, after taking depreciation into account, the Hall achieved a positive contribution during the year, reflecting careful financial management and the dedication of volunteers. The planned extension will require funding in excess of current reserves, and the Committee continues to pursue grant funding, donations and prudent financial planning to manage this major project responsibly.

Principal risks during the year (and into the future) include rising energy costs, general inflationary pressures, an ageing building, volunteer capacity and the financial and delivery risks associated with the planned extension. Mitigation measures include prudent financial management, a focus on continuing diversification and growth of income, strengthening and widening volunteer recruitment, and phased project planning together with the key involvement of professional experts.

Boddington Village Hall depends heavily on the commitment, professionalism and integrity of its Trustees and volunteers. Their enthusiasm and dedication have enabled the charity to support the community through the pandemic and the continuing economic challenges while maintaining strong governance, safeguarding and financial controls. On behalf of the Committee and the wider community, I extend my sincere thanks to all who give their time, skills and support so generously.



Caroline Sheers, Chairman Boddington Village Hall

The Boddington Village Hall			Charity No	264503
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/2024	To	Period end date	31/03/2025

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	Note 3	5,656	-	-	5,656	3,546
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Note 3	81,188	-	-	81,188	108,172
<b>Other incoming resources</b>	Note 3	638	-	-	638	638
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		87,482	-	-	87,482	112,356
<b>Resources expended (Note 4)</b>						
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	Note 4	69,242	-	-	69,242	74,803
Governance costs	Note 4	100	-	-	100	100
Other resources expended		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		69,342	-	-	69,342	74,903
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		18,140	-	-	18,140	37,453
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		18,140	-	-	18,140	37,453
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		18,140	-	-	18,140	37,453
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		444,869	-	-	444,869	426,729





## Section B

## Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	249,048	-	-	249,048	250,428
	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	249,048	-	-	249,048	250,428
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock and work in progress	4,831	-	-	4,831	6,053
Debtors (Note 7)	1,519	-	-	1,519	1,087
(Short term) investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	206,256	-	-	206,256	184,462
<i>Total current assets</i>	212,606	-	-	212,606	191,602
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> (Note 8)	16,785	-	-	16,785	15,301
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	195,821	-	-	195,821	176,301
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	444,869	-	-	444,869	426,729
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>charges</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>	444,869	-	-	444,869	426,729
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds (Note 9)	444,869			444,869	426,729
Restricted income funds	-	-		-	-
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	444,869	-	-	444,869	426,729

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Sheers	12/9/25
	Clare Townsend	12/9/25

**Note 1 Basis of preparation****1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2022.

Boddington Village Hall meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**1.2 Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Note 2 Accounting policies**

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

**INCOMING RESOURCES****Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

**Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Investment income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Investment gains and losses**

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES****Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Governance costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

**Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

**ASSETS****Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

**Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**Stocks and work in progress**

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****Note 3****Analysis of incoming resources**

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
Voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Activities for generating funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Interest on deposit accounts	5,656	3,546
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	5,656	3,546
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Events, rentals, bar sales, donations	81,188	108,172
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	81,188	108,172



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

(cont)

## Note 4

## Analysis of resources expended

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Direct cost of sales	10,185	20,324
	Running costs	45,199	41,574
	Depreciation	13,858	12,905
		-	-
	Total	69,242	74,803
Governance costs	Preparation and examination of accounts	100	100
		-	-
	Total	100	100

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 5** Details of certain items of expenditure**5.1 Trustee expenses**

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
£	£

**5.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

<b>This year</b> £	<b>Last year</b> £
20	20
80	80

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****Note 6 Tangible fixed assets****6.1 Cost or valuation**

	Buildings and improvements	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	403,791	58,631	24,249	486,671
Additions	11,231	-	1,247	12,478
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	415,022	58,631	25,496	499,149

**6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions**

<b>Basis</b>	SL	SL	SL or RB
<b>Rate</b>	5-50 yrs	10-25 yrs	14-20yrs

Balance brought forward	164,268	48,914	23,061	236,243
Depreciation charge for year	9,548	2,073	2,237	13,858
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	173,816	50,987	25,298	250,101

**6.3 Net book value**

Brought forward	239,523	9,717	1,188	250,428
Carried forward	241,206	7,644	198	249,048



**Section C****Notes to the accounts****Note 7 Debtors and prepayments****Analysis of debtors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	1,519	1,087	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Note 8 Creditors and accruals****Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	2,434	312	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	14,351	14,989	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>15,301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts**

**Note 9** **Charity funds**

**Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period**

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	Unrestricted		270,795	54,102	(56,006)	-	-	268,891
Community Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of maintenance of the Charles Cowper Playing field and its equipment and Community activities and Organisations	5,934	-	(1,956)	-	-	3,978
Extension Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of the design and building of the extension to the hall	150,000	33,380	(11,380)	-	-	172,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds as per balance sheet</b>			<b>426,729</b>	<b>87,482</b>	<b>(69,342)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>444,869</b>

**Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period**

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	Unrestricted		382,157	112,356	(73,718)	(150,000)	-	270,795
Community Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of maintenance of the Charles Cowper Playing field and its equipment and Community activities and Organisations	7,119	-	(1,185)	-	-	5,934
Extension Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of the design and building of the extension to the hall	-	-	-	150,000	-	150,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds as per balance sheet</b>			<b>389,276</b>	<b>112,356</b>	<b>(74,903)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>426,729</b>

## Note 10 Transactions with related parties

### 10.1 Remuneration and benefits

Name of trustee or connected party	Nature of benefit	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £
		-	-

### 10.2 Loans

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties			-	-
Due from trustees and related parties			-	-

### 10.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £



## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Boddington Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met.



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12 September 2025